

~~614~~ Bishop Portier House  
307 Conti Street  
Mobile, Alabama

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WRITTEN HISTORIC AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
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ADDENDUM  
FOLLOWS...

Historic American Buildings Survey  
E. Walter Burkhardt, District Officer  
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HOME OF BISHOP PORTIER  
Mobile, Mobile County, Alabama.  
307 Conti Street.

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Ownership:

Present Owner: Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, D. D.  
From 1927 to 1935.

Previous Owners: Rt. Rev. Micheal Portier, D. D.  
From 1835 to 1859.  
Rt. Rev. John Quinlan, D. D.  
From 1859 to 1883.  
Rt. Rev. Dominic Manucy, D. D.  
From 1884 to 1885.  
Rt. Rev. Jeremiah O'Sullivan, D. D.  
From 1885 to 1896.  
Rt. Rev. Edward P. Allen, D. D.  
From 1897 to 1926.  
Rt. Rev. Thomas J. Toolen, D. D.  
From 1927 to 1935.  
(Ownership of Roman Catholic Church  
property is in the name of the bishop  
of the diocese).

Present Occupants: Catholic Daughters of America.

Previous Occupants: Bishop Micheal Portier, his associate  
priests, and Bishop Quinlan, Bishop  
Manucy, Bishop O'Sullivan, Bishop  
Allen, and other priests of the diocese  
of Mobile.

Date of Erection: About 1835.

Architect: Claude Beroujon.

Builder: Claude Beroujon.

Present Condition: Good considering age, ect. Rear porch  
added in later years, front steps and  
roofing not original; otherwise no  
material changes.

Number of Stories: Main building: One and one half stories.  
Kitchen and servants quarters, two stories.

Materials of Construction: Main building ; frame, wood shingle  
roof. Kitchen and servants quarters, brick,  
slate roof, wood porch.

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Other Existing Records:

See:                    "HISTORIC BUILDINGS OF OLD MOBILE"  
                          By John F. Glennon.  
                          Pen & ink drawings done by,  
                          Chici Glennon Lasley.

                          This book is an advertisement of the  
First National Bank, Mobile, Alabama.

Additional Data:        This charming old house was for twenty  
five years the home of Rev. Micheal Portier, noted Bishop  
of the then vast diocese, of which Mobile was the seat.  
Founder of Spring Hill College, other institutions of  
learning and charity, and the Cathedral of his diocese, of which  
this was the rectory, the Bishop lived here with his associate  
priests and, until recent years, it had been occupied by his  
successors.

Closely associated with Bishop Portier and known to be the  
Architect and superintendent of Spring Hill College and  
designer of the Cathedral, Claude Beroujon is reasonably  
claimed to be the architect of this home of the bishop.

The refined details and excellent workmanship of dormer  
windows, the circular head, louvered, gable windows, front  
entrance and unique stairway, are among the features of this  
interesting place.

Although the old gates are not in existence, the original  
high brick wall encloses the property and an old brick,  
cemented, cistern remains in the yard.

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Mrs. Claude H. Mullen  
858 Conti Street,  
Mobile, Alabama.

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